



3-25-03

HGA 615
FB
JPD/ln

PATENT APPLICATION
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 27611/36978

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Onyuksel and Rubinstein)
Application Serial No: 09/995,263)
Filed: November 27, 2001)
For: Materials and Methods for)
Making Improved Liposome)
Compositions)
Group Art Unit: 1615)
Examiner: TBD)

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on March 22, 2002, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EV027099644US.

RECEIVED

MAR 27 2002


Richard Zimmermann

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

APPLICANTS' PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

Prior to examination on the merits in the above application, Applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please enter the following new claims 15 through 30.

15. A method of preparing an echogenic liposome diagnostic product comprising a biologically active amphipathic compound in association with a liposome; said compound capable of permitting specific targeting within a recipient; said method comprising the steps of:

- a) mixing a combination of lipids wherein said combination includes at least one lipid component covalently bonded to a water-soluble polymer;
- b) forming and obtaining liposomes from said combination of lipids;
- c) incubating liposomes from step (b) with a biologically active amphipathic compound under conditions in which said compound becomes associated with said liposomes from step (b) in an active conformation; and